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Agenda item 3

REVIEW OF THE SITUATION AS REGARDS EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS

Addendum

1. In document A/AC.241/20 on the Review of the Situation as regards Extra-Budgetary Funds, no mention was made to the participation of eligible countries to the Fourth INCD Session. This was due to the delays experienced by pledging Member States in making their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund. As stressed in document A/AC.241/20, as of 16 March 1994 none of the contributions pledged during the Third Session were received.

2. The INCD Secretariat received on 19 March 1994 an allotment for US$ 266,800 issued on the basis of the Japanese contribution to the Special Voluntary Fund. This amount represents the Japanese and Irish contributions of US$ 370,000, after deduction of 13% Overhead Costs and 15% Operating Reserve.

3. Due to the limited resources available in the Fund, and taking into account the priorities set out by Resolution 47/188 in its paragraph 15, the Secretariat decided to use the resources available through the above-mentioned allotment in such a way so as to ensure an effective participation of delegates to the Geneva and Paris sessions.

4. The Secretariat covered the participation of one delegate from 27 Least Developed Countries which have sought assistance. In extending such an assistance an estimated amount of US$ 150,000 was committed. Therefore, an estimated balance of US$ 116,800 is still available to be used in connection with travel of participants for the Fifth INCD Session.

5. The following countries received financial assistance through the Special Voluntary Fund:

1. Bangladesh
2. Benin
3. Bhutan
4. Botswana
5. Burkina Faso
6. Cape Verde
7. Central African Republic
8. Chad
9. Djibouti
10. Ethiopia
11. Gambia
12. Guinea
13. Guinea Bissau
14. Lesotho
15. Madagascar
16. Malawi
17. Mali
18. Mauritania
19. Mozambique
20. Nepal
21. Niger
22. Sudan
23. Togo
24. Uganda
25. United Republic of Tanzania
26. Yemen
27. Zambia